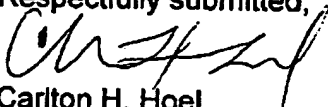


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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Rejected claim 1 has been amended. Reexamination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

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